amendments before the Madras Legislative Council in respect of the provincial tax?

Mr. H. V. RAMASVAMI.—No.

Mr. H. K. MADIAH.—Is it not a fact that with an increase in the number of services in Bangalore City, convenience to the public has also increased?

The FIRST MEMBER (Rajamantrapravina Diwan Bahadur K. Matthan).—Certainly.

Bridge across the Vedavathi in Challakere Taluk.

Q.—46. Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA (Challakere Taluk) and other Members of the Chitaldrug District.—Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that the matter of the construction of a bridge across the Vedavathi River at Chowlur in Challakere Taluk has come to the notice of Government in the Budget Session of 1934;

(*b*) whether an estimate has been prepared for constructing the bridge as per instructions from the Superintending Engineer;

(*c*) whether this estimate has come to the notice of Government?

A.—The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (Diwan Bahadur N. N. Ayyangar).—(*a*) The subject was moved in the Dasara Session of 1934.

(*b*) The detailed estimate is still awaited.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of answer to (*b*) above.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Why is it that the matter has not progressed for the last one year?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Because it is a question of funds.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Have not the District Board made a reference to Government that the question be taken up for urgent consideration?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—May be. But the bridge at Kellodu is more urgent. So, this can be taken up only after the Kellodu bridge is completed.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Is there any bridge across the Vedavathi just now?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—No.

Mr. T. SHADAKSHARAPPA.—Are the Government aware that for want of a bridge, all traffic is held up for months together at Chowlur during the rainy season?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be so. But Kellodu bridge seems to be more urgent. If, however, the District Board will contribute the entire cost of the bridge, it can be taken up without delay.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—What is the estimated cost of the Kellodu bridge?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—Rs. 1,06,000.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—Have not the Government promised to meet half the cost of the bridge at Kellodu?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—The promise stands even now, but Government do not find it possible to provide the necessary funds just now.

Mr. J. MAHOMED IMAM.—When can the Government provide their quota of expenditure for this bridge?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It is more than I can say just at present.

Mr. Mummadi VEERABHADRAPPA.—Did not the Government promise at the last session of this House that the work would be started immediately with the District Board contribution, the Government's quota being reserved for the subsequent stages of construction?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—If the work is once taken up, even the subsequent stages will have to be pushed through at a stretch. So the Government will have to keep ready their quota also. But, for want of funds, they cannot do it just now.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—Will not the District Board's contribution itself be sufficient to keep the work going for a year or two?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—It may be.

Mr. G. CHANNAPPA.—If so, would the Government not have so much time for finding their quota of cost?

Mr. N. N. AYYANGAR.—But I cannot say when exactly that quota can be made available.